

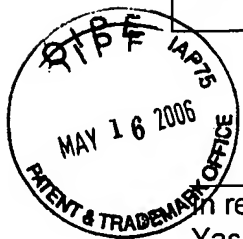
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FOR TRANSFERRING LIQUID  
INJECTION DATA AND A LIQUID  
EJECTING APPARATUS

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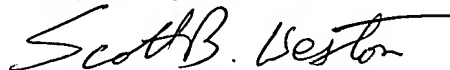
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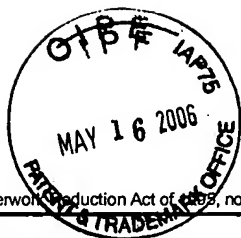
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